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Apr. 3, 1939 (Monday)
Left Washington, D.C. 3 A.M.
for New Orleans en route to
Baton Rouge to attend meeting
of American Society of
Mammalogists. Accompanied
by Stanley P. Young.

Apr. 4 (Tue.)
Arrived New Orleans, 7.45 A.M.
Met by Roy Moore, Regional
Director. After breakfast went to
Moore's office and he later
took us by auto to Baton Rouge
where we arrived about noon.
After lunch we attended meeting.

Apr. 5 (Wed.)
I delivered paper on
Original Descriptions of Mammals
that brought out some
discussion and a suggestion that

it should be published was
made by Dr. Kenneth Douth,

Apr. 6 (Thurs)

At meeting, at final business
meeting a resolution passed aimed
at use of poison by Federal and
other organizations was modified
to leave off "Federal" but may
still have the effect of renewing
the old campaign against the
use of poison. Resolution presented
as a minority report by Dr.
E. Raymond Hall who was
evidently the moving spirit
in its origination.

Apr. 7 (Fri.)

Left Baton Rouge 8 a.m.
with Stanley P. Young by
auto driven by Game
Management Agent Morooka.

Drove to Avery Island
where we were luncheon
guests of Ed. McIlhenny.
At Avery Island many
herons, mainly snowy
egrets and Louisiana
herons were nesting. Con-
tinued from Avery Island to
New Orleans in afternoon
arriving about 6 P.M.

Met Mr. & Mrs. Howell
at railroad station and
we took the train for
Pensacola, Fla. at 10:15 P.M.

Apr. 8 (Sat.)

Arrived Pensacola, Fla.,
6 A.M. Were met by Mr.
Winton who took us to his
home for breakfast and
later to Florora, Fla., a
distance of about 35 miles.

Arrived Floresca about
10 A.M.

After an early lunch,
Howell and I, accompanied
by Weston, crossed by row-
boat to Santa Rosa
Island, separated from the
mainland by a sound
about $3/4$ of a mile wide.

Scalopus. Rather heavy
rain the night before had
wet the white sand and
nearly obliterated most of
the surface indications
of mole runways. But
we found a few that were
fresh. 19 traps, mainly
No. 2 were set but 6 of
the lot were the Little Brown.
The moles favor the
sand dunes, where there

is a scanty growth of
vegetation along borders
of the marshy flats that
occur here and there,
but are rather generally
distributed. The runways
extend in places for 20 or
30 yds on the surface,
disappearing perhaps to
reappear a few yards
farther on. In one place
a freshly elevated surface
runway branched from
an older one. In some
places very short breaks
in the surface mark
points where the mole
came up from a tunnel
at a deeper level. In
walking over the sand
one frequently breaks
through into tunnels of

which there is no trace
on the surface. There seems
to be evidence that the
moles burrow through the
sand at the deeper levels
without leaving any
surface indication.

Apr. 9 (Sun).

At Florosa Fla.

Traps yielded 3 moles.

Jackson's wife came in
last night. He and Dr. Pearson
went across with us to visit
traps and left in afternoon for
St. Marks Refuge

Apr. 10 (Mon.)

At Florosa, Fla.

No moles, but took several
Sigmodon.

Apr. 11 (Tue) at Florosa
No moles. One *Sigmodon*
taken by Mr. Howell.

Apr. 12 (Wed) at Florosa
No moles. Rained last
night and nearly all the traps
were moved or reset in
favorable looking places.

Apr. 13 Thurs
at Florosa.
Took 2 moles and took up
all of our traps without
losing any.

Left Florosa by bus 3.45
PM. arrived Panama City
about 7 PM.

Left Panama City about
7.15 PM; arrived Ocala
Fla. 10. PM eastern standard time

Apr. 14 (Fri.)

Out to St. Vincent Island.
Arriving 5:30 PM.

Mallard Island No 711510-
39 - killed about end of open
season. F. G. Sharit, 1116
12 St. Apalachicola.

Apr. 15 (Sat.)

Set out all traps on St.
Vincent Id.

Apr. 16 (Sun)

Took up traps on St. Vincent,
~~bygone~~, live young one,
of which took 1st from
Randy, was caught in and
killed.

Squidron, 1st in creek
area.

St. Vincent Id. contains
11000 acres. Partly covered
with virgin forest of pine
and oak.

6.30 PM.

Returned to Apalachicola
and took train for Savannah
in evening at 8 PM.

Apr. 17 (Mon)

at Savannah.

Arrived Savannah 8.15 A.M.

Met about 11 A.M. by Mr.

Leaster. Drove out to Refuge
and prepared to leave for
Blackb. Id.

Apr. 18 Tue.

Savannah River Refuge to
Blackbeard Id.

Left Savannah Refuge
about 8 A.M. and arrived
Blackbeard Island about
noon. Total trip about 15 miles.

Trip over island with Carter
and Clarence E. Harniss.

One man in charge,
Carter and Harniss returned in
evening.

Went out with La Roche, who
is in charge of improvement work.

Found three cows,
which are placed along the
shore of every bay.

Blackbeard. Apr. 19 Sat with Oscar

and three deer. Found in
the swampy area a small
ridge — and was up.

off, apparently deer feed a lot
on the ~~willow~~ ^{new} but grasses,
sedges and other ~~and~~ young
vegetation at this season.

Willows & sedge;

1. A good. Willows, limited to
low ground where they will
be ~~eventually~~ killed by ~~higher~~
water ~~in the future~~ but it is
not as ~~much~~ ^{as} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~willows~~
which ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~yet~~ ^{yet} ~~gone~~
that this is a comparatively
recent development.

The ~~willows~~ ^{some of}
Lake Broward, ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~yet~~ ^{yet} ~~gone~~

~~for~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~willows~~ ^{willows} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~yet~~ ^{yet} ~~gone~~
a thick growth of ~~willows~~ ^{willows}
under ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~willows~~ ^{willows} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~yet~~ ^{yet} ~~gone~~
burned down by deer.

Willows ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~yet~~ ^{yet} ~~gone~~
plant growing ~~under~~ ^{under} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~willows~~ ^{willows} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~yet~~ ^{yet} ~~gone~~

Hyacinths is cut out by deer
where water is shallow. This part
might tend to become too thick
and prevent ducks from getting
water or insects.

Simlax: One photo, defoliated
but not very heavily brownish.

Big tree - Browned as high
as deer can reach.

Two oaks - Browned lower
by deer. Some extent.

Holms - but common on
higher ground over island.

Apr. 19

Clayson. Watched a pair
copulating - contact apparently
complete for half an hour.

seemed to be rolled when
female laid back her ears
and turned snarling at the
male.

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- 1 Deer ♂ - 1550 - 272 - 415 Apr. 21st
2 " ♀ - 1430 - 227 - 388 Jan²²
3 " ♀ - 1500 - 230 - 388 Jan²²
4 " ♀ - 1458 - 228 - 392 Sickly ♂
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Apr. 19 (Wed.) Blackbird
Spent day mainly in
exploring Island and taking
photos.

Apr. 20 (Thurs)
Blackbird Id.
Spent day hunting deer.
Killed 3 in evening late.

Apr. 21 (Fri)

Blackhead Id.

Spent most of day getting in
deer, skinning and preparing
specimens. One additional
specimen killed making 4
in all. completing number
permitted.

Apr. 22 (Sat)

Blackhead Island to Savannah

& left 10.15 PM.

Left Blackhead Id. 1.30 PM; arrived Savannah
about 5.30 PM.

Weg. on Blackhead,

Five oaks (very large)

Saw Palmetto (very abundant)

Coconut Palm

Sweet Gum

Hickory (not much)

Pine (lots - leaf dark)

Yucca (2 sp.)

On Blackhead.

Amer. egret.

Great blue heron

Chalcophaps indica (reported but must be
scarce)

Willet

Wild Turkey - said to be
numerous on Sapelo - reported
on Blackhead but rare.

Godwit

A. Scaup

Blue-winged Teal

Ja. Heron.

Boat tailed grackle

heron

Trumpet

Left Blackhead Id. 1.40 PM.

Tern - all white - except blk -
cap - fishing ² zones.

Gull - Sm. Black-headed - dark
feathers in tail as seen
swimming.

Tall - Large white, must Black
in wings.

Smoking egret - Several.

Great blue heron - One

Arrived Shellman Bluff about
4 PM, and continued about

70 miles to Savannah reaching
the refuge about 5.40 P.M.
Met H. A. Carter and had dinner
with him and Miss. Margaret
O'Brien. Left Savannah at
10.15 P.M.

Apr 23 (Sun)
Reached Washington 10.35
A.M.

Another G. ...



